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## **Press Release**

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### **Milwaukee Police provide an Executive Overview of July 20, 2020 Milwaukee Fire & Police Commission Directives**

It has always been, and remains, the Milwaukee Police Department's intent to fully comply with the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission's directives. To date, MPD has fully complied with every directive issued.

MPD believes it is important for the public to understand that before a lawful directive may be issued by the FPC, there must be a review in a public meeting evidencing the Board's deliberations, a meeting must be a collaborative review process including participation from the Chief, and directives should not be made without the benefit of supporting evidence. None of those instances occurred with the July 20, 2020 FPC directives.

Upon review, each "Whereas clause" issued in the FPC directives is either false, misleading or lacking valuable context. The "Whereas clauses" attempt to paint a picture that MPD has been non-compliant or outright insubordinate with the FPC; therefore, apparently rendering the FPC unlimited authority to demand any information with penalty of discharge.

Furthermore, the City Attorney's Office has recommended that the timeline for all of MPD's responses be extended so it can review the legality of the directives in their entirety. The FPC has declined to follow that recommendation, despite the City Attorney's Office already finding that one directive is inappropriate while it is in the process of reviewing the other directives.

The manner in which business is being conducted at the FPC causes alarm; therefore, the Milwaukee Police Department is providing an Executive Overview addressing the directives issued.

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